

Chapter 10.32

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10.32.0 10 Clear view of roadway from vehicle required. It is unlawful to operate any vehicle which is loaded or in such a condition that the operator does not have a clear vision of all parts of the roadway essential to the safe operation of the vehicle. Any view of the roadway to the rear so obstructed shall be equipped with a mirror so attached as to give him a view of the roadway behind him. (Prior code § 10.601).

10.32.020 Signal lamps. Any motor vehicle in use on a highway shall be equipped with, and required signals shall be given by, a signal lamp or lamps or mechanical signal device when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the left outside limit of the body, cab, or load of such motor vehicle exceeds twenty-four inches, or when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the rear limit of body or load thereof exceeds fourteen feet. The latter measurement shall apply to any single vehicle, also to any combination of vehicles. (Prior code § 10.602).

10.32.030 Audible signaling devices. Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a good and sufficient audible signaling device in efficient working condition. Such signaling device shall be sounded when necessary to give timely warning of the approach of a vehicle, but such horn or other signaling device shall not be sounded for any purpose other than as a warning of impending danger.

No motor vehicle other than an emergency vehicle shall be equipped with a siren or gong signaling device. (Prior code § 10.604).

10.32.040 Unnecessary noise unlawful. it is unlawful to operate a vehicle which makes unusually loud or unnecessary noise. (Prior code § 10.603).

10.32.050 Driving unsafe vehicles prohibited. It is unlawful for any person to drive or move or for the owner to cause or knowingly permit to be driven or moved on any highway any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person or property, or which does not contain those parts or is not at all times equipped with such lamps and other equipment in proper condition and adjustment as required by statute, or which is equipped in any manner in violation of the statutes. (Prior code § 10.6 15).

10.32.060 Brakes. It is unlawful to drive any motor vehicle upon any street unless such vehicle is equipped with good and sufficient brakes in good working condition, as required by the state traffic law, or to operate any vehicle which is so loaded that the operator does not have ready access to the mechanics operating the brakes of such vehicle. (Prior code § 10.607).

10.32.070 Muffler. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any street unless such vehicle is provided with a muffler in efficient actual working condition; and the use of a cutout is prohibited. (Prior code § 10.608).

10.32.080 Emission of dangerous smoke or fumes unlawful. It is unlawful to operate any vehicle which emits dense smoke or such an amount of smoke or fumes as to be dangerous to the health of persons or as to endanger the drivers of other vehicles. (Prior code § 10.605).

10.32.090 Tires. It is unlawful to operate on any street any motor vehicle which is not equipped with tires conforming to the requirements of the state traffic law. (Prior code § 10.6 12).

10.32.100 Nonskid devices. It is unlawful to operate upon any street any motor vehicle equipped with any nonskid device so constructed that any rigid or nonflexible portion thereof comes into contact with the pavement, or roadway. (Prior code § 10.611).

10.32.110 Lights. It is unlawful to operate or park on any street any vehicle not equipped with adequate lights conforming to the requirements of the state law, provided, that vehicles may be parked at nighttime without lights on any street or portion thereof, designated by ordinance as a place where vehicles may so park at nighttime. (Prior code § 10.609).

10.32.120 Lighting requirements when visibility is limited. During the period from sunset to sunrise, or at any other time when visibility is so limited as to require the use of lights for safety, every motorcycle operated on any street or other public place in the city shall carry and exhibit one lighted lamp commonly known as a driving light and every motor vehicle two such lighted lamps showing white lights, or lights of a yellow or amber

tint, visible at least five hundred feet in the direction toward which each motorcycle or motor vehicle is proceeding, and each motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer shall also exhibit at least one lighted lamp which shall be so situated as to throw a red light visible for at least five hundred feet in the reverse direction; provided, that every trailer having a gross weight of three thousand pounds or less including the weight of the trailer and maximum load shall be equipped with two lighted lamps, one on each side of the rear of such trailer which shall be so situated as to throw a red light visible for at least-five hundred feet in the reverse direction. (Prior code § 10.617).

10.32.130 Lamps on vehicles operated by firemen. Any motor vehicle owned or usually operated by a fireman may be equipped with not to exceed two lamps which shall emit a blue light as approved and provided for by state statutes. (Ord. 8 1-66 § 1, 1980: prior code § 10.6 10).

10.32.140 Signal lamps and signal devices. Every motor vehicle and trailer having a gross weight of three thousand pounds and less, including the weight of the trailer and the maximum load, shall be equipped with a signal lamp or signal device which is so constructed and located on the vehicle as to give a signal of the intention to stop which shall be red or yellow in color, and signals of intention to turn to the right or left, all of which signals shall be plainly visible and understandable in normal sunlight and at night from a distance of one hundred feet to the rear but shall not project a dazzling or glaring light; except that a stop signal need be visible only from the rear.

Any trailer having a gross weight of three thousand pounds or less, including the weight of the trailer and the maximum load, need not be equipped with such turn signal device unless the distance from the steering wheel of the towing vehicle to the left outside limits of such trailer body exceeds twenty-four inches. (Prior code § 10.6 16).

10.32.150 Length, width and height of vehicles with and without loads. A. The maximum width and height of any vehicle and its load shall not exceed the limits expressed in the state traffic law.

B. No passenger-type vehicle shall be operated on the streets with a load extending beyond the line of the fenders on the left side of the vehicle nor extending more than six inches beyond the line of the fenders on the right side thereof.

C. No vehicle, unladen or with load, shall exceed a length of forty- two feet extreme over all dimensions.

D. No combination of vehicles coupled together shall consist of more than two units, and no such combination of vehicles, unladen or with load, shall exceed a total length of fifty feet; but such length limitations shall not apply to vehicles operated in daytime when transporting pipes, poles, machinery and other objects which cannot be readily dismembered, nor to such vehicles operated at nighttime by a public utility when engaged in emergency repair work, but such loads carried at night shall be clearly marked with sufficient lights to show the full dimensions of the load. (Prior code § 10.606).

10.32.160 Weight limits and distribution. A. It is unlawful to drive on any street any motor vehicle with a weight, including load, in excess of that permitted by the state

traffic law for driving on improved highways, or with weight distributed in a manner not conforming to such law. (Prior code § 10.613).

B. There is hereby adopted, pursuant to ILCS Ch. 625, Act 5 § 15-316(c), an 80,000 pound weight limit for vehicles utilizing that portion of the “Landfill Road, ‘ commencing from the intersection of Route 9 and “Landfill Road” to the existing Allied Waste Landfill, also located on “Landfill Road”. (Ord. 2003, 2000)

10.32.170 Spilling loads prohibited. No vehicle shall be so loaded that any part of its load spills or drops on any street or alley in the city. (Prior code § 10.614).

10.32.180 Bicycles. A. Every bicycle, when upon a street, during the period from sunset to sunrise shall be equipped with at least one lighted lamp exhibiting a white light, or light of a yellow or amber tint, visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the front of the bicycle and with at least one lighted lamp exhibiting a red light visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear.

B. No person shall operate a bicycle that is not equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least one hundred feet, except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any persons use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.

C. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a good and adequate brake. (Prior code § 10.618).